(3) distribution, in consultation with the District, Taluk, Town and Village Committees of the district quota of cloth and yarn.

The Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners are the Special Assistants to the Collectors for the textile control work detailed above."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there is any proposal to appoint more Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners in the near future? "

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" There is no such proposal, but if there is need, the Government will certainly consider."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If the need arises, will the Government call for applications and then choose? "

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The suggestion of the hon. Member will be borne in mind."

Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.

* 167 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri K. Natarajan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether a memorial has been received by the Government from the Secretary, Tanjore Maharajah Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore, praying for a grant of an annual subsidy of Rs. 11,000 to be utilized for the preservation and publications of rare and valuable manuscripts in the Library;

(b) whether it was originally a private library belonging to the reigning Princes of Tanjore who maintained the Library, and added books and manuscripts thereto from time to time;

(c) whether after the claimants to the private properties of the last Raja of Tanjore agreed to the preservation of the Library as a Public Library, and set apart one lakh of rupees for its upkeep, the Government in G.O. No. 1306, Home (Education), took over the management under the Charitable Endowments Act and framed a scheme for the management of the same;

(d) whether that one lakh of rupees was originally invested in 5 per cent Government of India loan which investment continued till 1939;

(e) whether afterwards on account of the termination of the 5 per cent loan, the amount was reinvested in 3½ per cent Government of India non-terminable loan;

(f) whether, therefore, the income of Rs. 5,000 derived by the Library till 1939 was reduced to Rs. 3,500;

(g) whether even the 3½ per cent loan was terminated by the Government of India on 16th September 1946;

(h) whether the endowment of the library had therefore to be invested in 3 per cent loan, and hence the income reduced by another Rs. 500;

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(i) whether between the years 1927–1933 the Government had been making grants to the Library;

(j) whether in 1940 another grant was made by the Government to the Library for adjusting the expenditure on account of the fall in the income of the Library from 1939;

(k) whether the memorial of the Honorary Secretary refers to the fact that the present income of the Library of Rs. 3,000 from the investment is not sufficient to meet the establishment charges of the Library;

(l) whether the Bhandarkar Oriental Institute, Poona, is receiving an annual grant of Rs. 1,000 from the Government of Madras;

(m) whether in view of the necessity for the preservation and publication of the very valuable manuscripts and in view of the Library being the only manuscripts library of the Presidency, barring the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, the Government propose to sanction suitable annual grants to the library as per the request of the memorialist; and

(n) whether the Government will be pleased to make provision for grants in the next budget?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" *(a) to (e)* Yes.

" *(f)* Yes; from Rs. 5,232 to Rs. 3,759.

" *(g)* Yes.

" *(h)* Yes. The income was reduced to Rs. 3,222.

" *(i)* Yes.

" *(j)* Yes; a recurring subsidy of Rs. 1,500 was applied for, a sum of Rs. 1,250 was sanctioned as a special case only for the year 1940.

" *(k)* Yes.

" *(l)* Yes, for the specific purpose of preparing a critical edition of the Mahabharata.

" *(m) & (n)* The proposal is under consideration."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether a majority of the books in the Saraswathi Mahal Library are in Telugu? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether it is a fact that there is no Andhra on the committee appointed to enquire into the library, although a large number of books are in Telugu? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The Government will consider whether there is any need for the inclusion of an Andhra member."

SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU :—" Since there are very many manuscripts in Telugu, why should not research scholars in Telugu be appointed and put it in Supplementary Budget? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" No assurance can be given, but the suggestion will be considered."

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AN HON. MEMBER :—" Is it the presumption that only Andhras know Telugu? "

SRI S. A. S. RM. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR :—" தெலுங்கில் உள்ளதற்கு தமிழில் இருக்குமா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ".

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Notice."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

New well-subsidy scheme.

12 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to place on the table of the House, particulars of wells sunk districtwar, the amount of loans sanctioned, the amount of subsidy disbursed, the number of wells completed and the number under construction and the acreage brought under cultivation ?

A.—The statement [a] below gives the latest information available in respect of the first three well-subsidy schemes introduced by this Government. (A new scheme has been sanctioned with effect from 1st March 1947 in supersession of the three earlier schemes.)

Tour of Hon. Ministers.

13 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of days each Hon. Minister has been on tour (monthwar) since the Ministry assumed office and the districts visited by them ; and

(*b*) the amount of travelling allowance drawn by each Hon. Minister (monthwar)?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [b] showing the number of days each Hon. Minister was on tour, the places visited and the travelling allowance drawn in respect of those tours during the months May 1946 to January 1947 is appended.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that the following message, dated Fort St. George, 22nd April 1947, received by me from the Hon. Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly :—

'In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras City Municipal (Second Amendment Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 5 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly on 22nd April 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.' "

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 758–759 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix V on pages 760–765 infra.